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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, July 3, 2001

APPLICATION OF

BARC ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

CASE NO. PUE010002

For a Functional Separation Plan

ORDER GRANTING MOTION

On December 29, 2000, BARC Electric Cooperative ("BARC" or "the Cooperative") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a plan for functional separation pursuant to § 56-590 of the Virginia Electric Utility Restructuring Act ("the Act"), Chapter 23 (§ 56-576 et seq.) of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia. On February 5, 2001, the Commission entered an Order Prescribing Notice and Inviting Comments and Requests for Hearing, which, among other things, directed the Staff to file a report on the Cooperative's application and supporting documents by July 6, 2001, and permitted BARC and other interested parties to file a response to the Staff's report by July 20, 2001.

On June 28, 2001, the Staff filed a Motion requesting a general extension of the dates for filing the Staff's report and for the date by which comments may be filed in response to that report. In support of its Motion, the Staff alleged that no final order has been entered in Case No. PUE000232, BARC'S rate

proceeding, and that once a final order is entered in Case No. PUE000232, it may impact Staff's analysis in the captioned matter.

Additionally, Staff noted that AES NewEnergy, Inc. ("AES" or "the Company") requested a hearing in this matter. However, AES' pleading stated that the Company would prefer to address its concerns through informal settlement discussions. Staff maintains that it may be beneficial for it to meet with AES to explore the Company's concerns further. Staff represented that neither BARC nor AES objected to the request for a general extension of the filing dates for the Staff's report and for responses to the Staff's report.

NOW, having considered the Staff's Motion, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that good cause has been shown; that the date by which the Staff must file its report in this matter and date by which responses to the Staff's report may be filed should be extended generally; and that Staff shall report the status of its progress in this matter by August 10, 2001.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Staff's June 28, 2001 Motion to Extend Filing Dates is granted.

(2) The date by which the Staff must file its report in this matter and the date by which responses to the Staff's report may be filed shall be extended generally.

(3) The Staff shall report on the status of this matter to the Commission by August 10, 2001.

(4) This matter shall be continued, pending further order of the Commission.